

January 12, 2022



Wednesday, January 12, 2022
Minutes of the Senior Citizen Commission

CALL TO ORDER

The Senior Citizen Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Rachel Fox on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held in a virtual setting, with Commissioners and Council Liaison attending via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Present: Rachel Fox, Chair
Ellen Daigle, Vice Chair
Barbara Klein
Shireen Chang

Council Liaison

Present: Michael Cacciotti, Mayor

City Staff

Present: Sheila Pautsch, Community Services Director
Melissa Snyder, Community Services Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Chris Glaeser provided an update of Dementia Friendly Communities and the status in South Pasadena. Glaeser met with South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and provided them with a presentation on Dementia Friendly Communities. Glaeser recommended the Senior Citizen Commission create a Dementia Friendly South Pasadena subcommittee to create objectives and provide updates on status of creating a dementia friendly community in South Pasadena.

Motioned by Chair Fox and second by Vice Chair Daigle to add to the February 9, 2022 agenda consideration of appointment of Dementia Friendly South Pasadena subcommittee.

PRESENTATION

2. **Senior Center Updates**

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Community Services Supervisor Snyder presented the updates regarding cancelling in-person indoor programming for the month of January due to the surge in COVID-19 cases. In addition, she provided an update regarding the Nutrition Program and Snuggle a Senior Program. She provided clarification on the Grab and Go Program to the Commission. Mayor Cacciotti recommended collaborating with Holy Family and possibly St. James with food distribution to reduce waste and save CDBG funds.

3. Dial A Ride Updates

Community Services Supervisor Snyder presented the updates for the Dial A Ride program stating the total of 275 trips in the month of December and four new member sign ups. The majority of the trips are to medical facilities and grocery stores. Additionally, she provided an update that Dial A Ride was currently not operating due to COVID-19 protocols, but were looking to resume operations on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS

4. City Council Liaison Communications

Mayor Cacciotti reported on the City Council special meeting regarding capital improvement projects, status of construction along the Gold Line, and an update on the mobile mental health crisis van pilot project.

5. Commissioner Communications

Chair Fox reported to the Commission on the Senior Citizens Foundation of South Pasadena's social media and encouraged those in attendance to follow to see the impact the Foundation has on the Senior Center. Vice Chair Daigle requested an update from Mayor Cacciotti on the new Deputy City Manager as well as changes in Commission. Mayor Cacciotti assured that the City was examining Commission to assess the workload on staff. Commissioner Chang requested having a member from the Senior Citizens Foundation present at Senior Citizen Commission meetings to provide updates on the work they are conducting.

6. Staff Liaison Communications

Community Services Supervisor Snyder reported on the recruitment of the Community Services Deputy Director. Community Services Director Pautsch reported on vacancies and recruitment throughout the Community Services Department.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

7. Approval of the December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Commissioner Chang, seconded by Chair Fox, motion carries 3-0 to approve the December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes with Vice Chair Daigle abstaining.

8. Discussion and Approval of New Meeting Time

The Commission discussed options for new meeting times and decided continue with the regular meeting time. The Commission also discussed holding a special meeting if it is anticipated to run longer than expected.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Commission Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Community Services Supervisor

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Rachel Fox

Chair